

Remarks

Review and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 9-12 have been canceled and new claims 27-31 have been added.

Claim Objections

1. Claim 29 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75©, as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. The examiner alleges that claim 29 recites the tubular bearing insert carrier is coated with zinc or brass and claim 23 recites the outer circumference surface of the insert is coated with zinc or brass, which is narrower than claim 29.

Response to Claim Rejections

1. In view of the above amendment wherein claim 29 has been canceled, the claim rejection can now be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112

3. Claims 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 4, the claim recites the group consisting of polyamide and polyphthalamide, the examiner states, however, that polyphthalamide is not included in the limitations of claim 3.

In claim 23, the claim includes the limitations of the adhesion promoter in lines 6-7 and the limitation is further repeated in lines 12-13. It is unclear as to why this repetition is made. Furthermore, in claim 30, there exist a double inclusion in "a bearing member having an outer